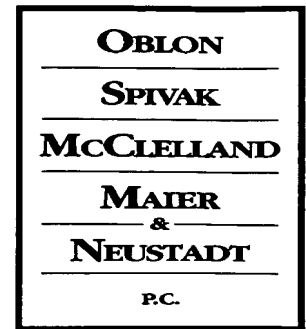




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RE: Application Serial No.: 10/725,451
Applicants: Shingo KAKUO, et al.
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For: AROMATASE ACTIVATING AGENT
Group Art Unit: 1655
Examiner: P. A. LEITH

SIR:

Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

Election of Species Response

Our check in the amount of \$0.00 is attached covering any required fees. In the event any variance exists between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges for filing the above-noted documents, including any fees required under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for any necessary Extension of Time to make the filing of the attached documents timely, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. Further, if these papers are not considered timely filed, then a petition is hereby made under 37 C.F.R. 1.136 for the necessary extension of time. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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ELECTION OF SPECIES RESPONSE

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In response to the Election Requirement mailed June 29, 2005, Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse and for search purposes only, the species: Cucumber. Claims 1-3 read on the elected species.

REMARKS

The Examiner is requiring election of the following species:

Cucumber or Ginseng.

Applicants provisionally elect, with traverse and for search purposes only, the species: Cucumber. Claims 1-3 read on the elected species.

Applicants traverse the Election of Species Requirement on the grounds that the Office has not provided any reasons, whatsoever, to support the conclusion of patentable distinctness. Rather, the Office has merely stated a conclusion.

Applicants make no statement regarding the patentable distinctness of the species, but note that for restriction to be proper, there must be a patentable difference between the species as claimed (M.P.E.P. § 808.01(a)). The Office has not provided any reasons or examples to support a conclusion that the species are indeed patentably distinct. Accordingly, Applicants submit that the Election Requirement is improper, that Applicants' election of species is for examination purposes only, and the Election Requirement should be withdrawn.

Additionally, Applicants respectfully submit that the Office has not shown that a serious burden exists in searching the entire application. Withdrawal of the Election Requirement is requested.

With respect to the elected species, Applicants respectfully submit that, should the elected species be found allowable, the Office should expand its search to the non-elected species.

Applicants submit this application is now in condition for examination on the merits and early notification of such action is earnestly solicited.

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